

January 27, 2010

ADDENDUM #1 TO  
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
INVITATION FOR BID  
#HWY-309444-RP

The purpose of this addendum is for the evaluation result for the Approved Equivalent request on the 21-Passenger Cutaway Transit Buses per the attached form.

All other terms, conditions, specifications and incidentals shall remain the same as originally stated in Invitation for Bid #HWY-309444-RP.

**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Vendor Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Addendum #1.

A copy of this signed addendum **MUST** be included with your bid response. Failure to include a copy of this addendum with your response will result in disqualification of your response.

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MDT TRANSIT VEHICLES

**REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS/APPROVED EQUALS FORM**

IFB NO. : HWY#309444

NAME OF BIDDER: Jason Spore, EK Coaches

TITLE OF DOCUMENT REFERENCE: HYW#309444-RP

TYPE OF VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT: 21 Passengers Dsl Buses

PAGES & REFERENCE: 2

**BIDDERS REQUEST:**

HWY-309444-RP calls for a wheelbase of 184-190 inches (5.1.3, pg. 12), but does not allow frame extensions between the wheels (5.6.4, pg. 17). The longest standard wheelbases available from Ford and Chevrolet on a ~14,050 chassis are 176" and 177". We need to be able to stretch the frame between the wheels (per Ford's/Chevrolet's QVM guidelines) to meet the minimum specified wheelbase. The longer wheelbase is necessary to aid in weight distribution. This floor plan will be overweight on a 176"/177" chassis.

**MDT RESPONSE:**

MDT believes that there are standard diesel, 184-190 wheelbase, chassis still available and will not approve this exception.

**NOTE:**

Any request for an Approved Equal or Exception to the Specifications must be fully supported with technical data, test results and any other information available, as evidence that the substitute offered is equal to or better than the Specifications/Requirements. MDT may require a bidder offering a substitute to supply additional descriptive material, a sample and/or a demonstration.